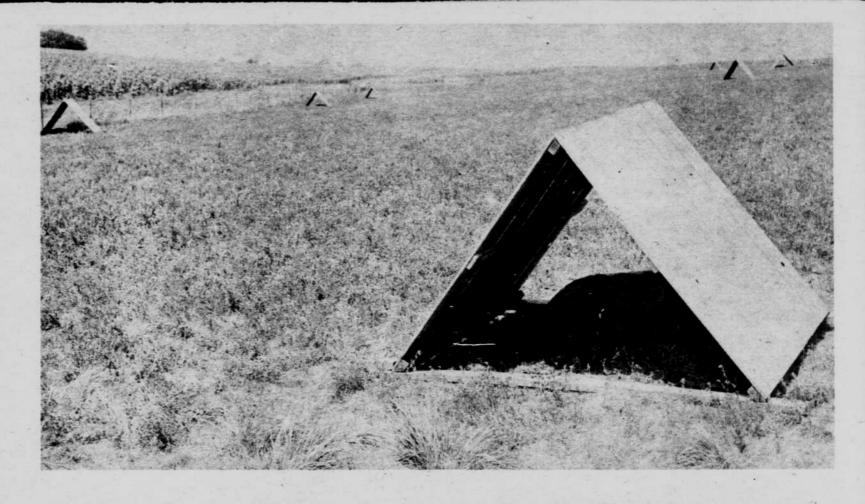
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Feeding tests in almost every experiment station have proved that rapidly growing pigs put on the cheapest gains. Creep feeding of young pigs is the best "way of getting them off to the fastest start possible.

Because many fall pigs are farrowed on pasture, there is a tendency to let the routine management jobs slip by. Needle tooth clipping, vaccination and similar jobs must be kept on a strict schedule.

Fall farrowed pigs come along just in time to utilize the new crop of corn. With grain in good supply and protein a purchased item, balancing of hog rations is too often neglected. Grain prices are due to be higher, even at harvest this year, so properly balanced feeding will pay off even better than in the past.

Sows confined to the farmstead area tend to suffer from heat more than their sisters in the field. This simple hose arrangement serves two pens with "the spray that refreshes." Where concrete floors for this kind of spray are not available, top hog producers use steel wallow troughs.



These "A" shelters are collapsible for easy storage between seasons. A supply of them can be kept on a farm wagon and set up whenever a sow starts to make her nest. If the nest is against a fence, one-half of the shelter leaning on the top wire is quite sufficient. Small pans of water and feed set out for sows with young litters will eliminate the need for them to go to the feeding area.



Routine management jobs with small pigs tend to be neglected in the rush of harvest-time work. These pigs going into the winter season need all of the protection they can get from disease. Vaccination from hog cholera and swine erysipelas should be standard practices. Ear notching or other identification is essential if selection of potential breeding stock is to be made later.



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